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# Veterans Benefits

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# Agenda

- Service-Connected Disability Compensation
- VA Vocational Rehabilitation
- VA Health Care
- Education and Training – GI Bill
- VA Guaranteed Home Loans
- Other Veterans Benefits
- Employment Resources
- Financial Resources
- State and Local Veterans Benefits



# Service-Connected Disability Compensation

- A monetary benefit paid to Veterans who are disabled by an injury (physical or mental) or illness that was incurred or aggravated during active military service.
- Monthly disability compensation varies with the degree of disability and the number of eligible dependents. Compensation is tax-free and subject to annual cost of living allowance increases
- Payment of military retirement pay, disability severance pay, and separation incentive payments (Special Separation Benefit (SSB) and Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI), may affect the amount of VA compensation paid to disabled Veterans



# Service-Connected Disability Compensation

- Can apply for SCD Compensation before leaving active-duty (180 days prior to ETS or retirement)
- NOT a bar to continuing service in reserve components
- Medical care for life for service-connected conditions



# Why Use a Veteran Service Officer

- A Veteran Service Officer is your advocate, their services are free and confidential. Organizations include:
  - The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America Paralyzed Veterans of America, National Association for Black Veterans, Marine Corps League, State veteran service agencies, etc.
- Veterans who receive legal help or aid from advocacy groups receive on average \$11,162, compared with \$4,728 for those who go it alone
- Currently about two-thirds of veterans get such advocacy help; the highest representation is in North Dakota (81.9%), while the lowest is in Maryland (44.8%)

Source: [www.military.com](http://www.military.com), July 2007



# VA Vocational Rehabilitation

- Assists veterans with service-connected disabilities with obtaining and maintaining suitable employment
- Independent living services are available for severely disabled veterans
- Receive job training towards employment that does not affect medical conditions
- Tuition, books and related fees paid by the VA
- Eligible for VA Work-Study program
- May include subsistence allowance



# VA Health Care

- All veterans are eligible to enroll in the VA Health Care system
- Reservists and National Guard may also qualify if they were called to active duty (other than for training only) by a Federal order and completed the full period for which they were called to active duty
- OIF/OEF veterans may receive up to 5 years free health care for any condition possibly related to their service
- Medical care for life for service-connected disabilities
- 50% or higher VA rating may elect VA as their Primary Care Provider
- Emergency care on a space available basis
- Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) for qualifying dependents and survivors



# Education and Training

- GI Bill - Financial assistance to aid with tuition, books, etc. Paid to the veteran on a monthly basis
  - Public School: All Tuition & Fee Payments for an in-State Student
  - Private/Foreign School: Up to 18,077.50 per academic year
- Options vary based on type of service and participation
- Dependence Educational Assistance – for qualifying dependents
- Subject to annual cost of living allowance
- Tax free
- Eligible for VA Work-Study Program



# VA Home Loan Guarantee

- Guaranties are issued to help buy homes, condominiums, CO-OPS, manufactured homes and to refinance loans
- Guarantees the loan to the lender to allow the purchase of primary residence with zero down payment, no PMI
- 2% funding fee – may be waived for veterans in receipt of service-connected disability compensation
- Perpetual entitlement – you may use it more than once



# Other Veterans Benefits

- Small Business Loans – 1-800-827-5722, [www.sba.gov/vets](http://www.sba.gov/vets)
- VA Life Insurance – 1-800-669-8477, [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov)
- Burial and Memorial – 1-800-697-6947, [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)
- Veterans Preference – Federal civil service, many State and local government agencies
- State and local veterans benefits



# Employment Resources

- Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP)
- State Employment Agencies – Local Veterans Employment Representatives, Disable Veterans' Outreach Program
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (Reemployment Rights) – 1-800-336-4590, [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil)



# Financial Resources

- State Departments of Veterans Affairs
- State Military Departments – National Guard
- County Veteran Organizations
- Veteran Service Organizations
- Faith Based Organizations



## Your Life Under Construction.

Helmets to Hardhats connects Veterans into promising careers in construction.

1. We'll help you build your profile
2. Guide you through searching, & applying for careers
3. Connect you with other Veterans
4. Provide you with advice from our staff of construction industry and military professionals

**GET STARTED >>**

### FEATURED CAREER

#### >> Insulators International

Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers apply thermal insulation to pipes...



### FEATURED OPPORTUNITY

#### >> Insulators International

Entry-level and skilled workers needed nationwide...



**REPLAY VIDEO >>**

**I found a career through Helmets to Hardhats!**  
 Veterans across the country have found their next career through the Helmets to Hardhats >> [Read more](#)

**Already registered?**  
 Username

**Forgot Password?**  
 Password

**LOGIN >>**

### Wounded Warriors

The Wounded Warrior program supports disabled Veterans by providing the tools, information and community that will help Veterans gain careers in the Building and Construction Industry.

### Information Center

>> Your one-stop center for Helmets to Hardhats: FAQs, special interests, Veterans Benefits, contact links and more...

### Search for a Career in Construction

- 1  Enter a Title **OR**  Enter MOC/MOS
- 2   
 \*e.g. Electrician or 15F
- 3

**SEARCH >>**



## **What is Helmets to Hardhats?**

Helmets to Hardhats is a national program that connects National Guard, Reserve and transitioning active-duty military members with quality career training and employment opportunities within the construction industry.

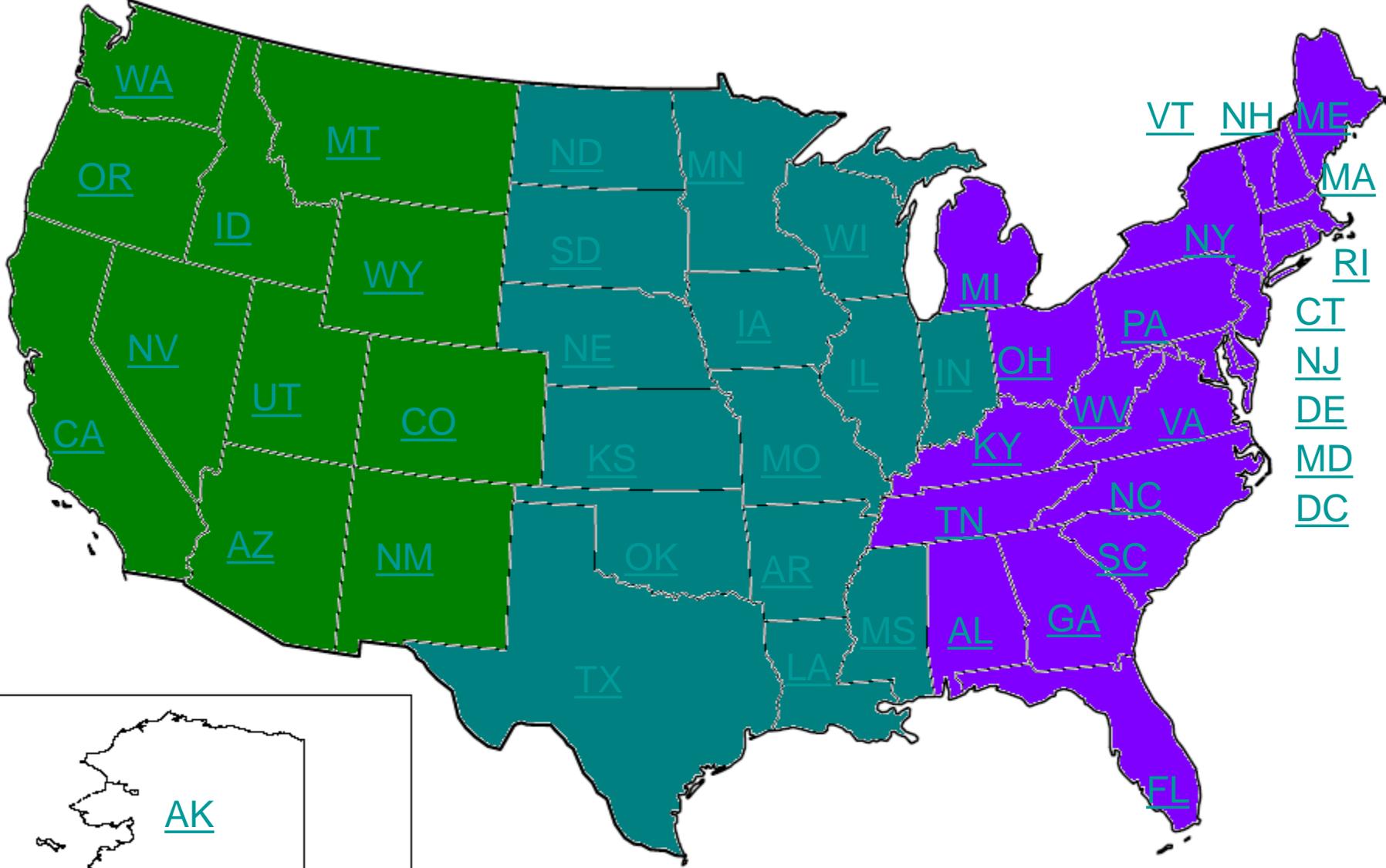
## **How Does Helmets to Hardhats Work?**

The Helmets to Hardhats program connects former military personnel with career opportunities from the nationwide building and construction trades.

Candidates can access information about careers and apprenticeships via the Internet from anywhere in the world. The Helmets to Hardhats profile they complete helps communicate to hiring managers the transferable skills they acquired during their military service



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have to offer me?



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- [Puerto Rico](#)
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- [North Mariana Islands](#)
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# The United States

For more info



# ALABAMA



## Housing Benefits

- Alabama State Veterans Home Program

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions
- Bonus for Southeast Asian War Prisoners
- Exemption of Debts Incurred Pursuant to National Housing Act or Veterans' Benefits
- Military Retiree Income Tax Exemption
- Unemployment Compensation
- Military Combat Pay Income Tax Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Job Status and Reemployment Rights
- Preference in State Classified Employment

## Veterans Business Benefits

- Business and Occupation License Exemptions for Disabled Veterans
- Business and Occupation License Exemptions for Veterans of WW II
- Forfeiture of Franchise

## Education Benefits

- G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

## Other State Benefits

- Armed Forces Voter Registration and Absentee Voting
- Commitment of Incompetent Veteran
- Executive, Attestation and Acknowledgment Certification
- Fiduciaries in War Service
- Discounted Fishing License
- Guardianship for Veterans and Minor Dependents
- Military Leave of Absence
- Notice of Armed Forces Death
- Official Report of Person Missing, Etc
- Peace Officers' Credit for Military Service
- Public Records
- Recording of Discharges
- Validation of Marriage of Divorced Persons
- Wills

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## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Land Discount/Purchase Preference
- Property Tax Exemptions
- Veterans Housing and Residential Loans

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preference Rights
- Veterans Employment Services
- Affirmative Action Plan

## Education Benefits

- Free Tuition for Spouse or Dependent of Armed Services Member
- High School Diplomas

## Other State Benefits

- Recording Veterans Report of Separation Form
- Disabled Veterans Parking Permits
- Veterans License Plates
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- State Camping Pass
- Alaska Marine Highway Pass
- Birthday Cards from the Governor
- Governor's Advocacy Award
- Military and Veterans Memorial Landmark Property
- Wartime Letters - The Legacy Project
- Military Credit Towards State Retirement

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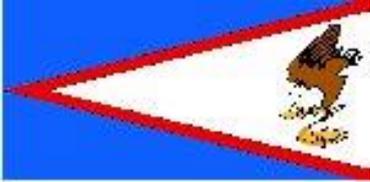
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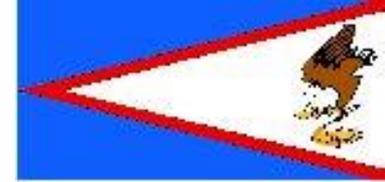
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# ARIZONA



## Housing Benefits

- Arizona State Veterans Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax and License Fee Exemptions
- Vehicle License Tax and Registration Fees
- Veterans' Donation Fund

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preferences
- Professional and Occupational Licenses
- Local Veterans Employment Representative
- Disabled Veterans Outreach Program

## Education Benefits

- Tuition and Fees-Deferred Payment
- Veterans Supportive Campuses
- Automatic In State Residency

## Other State Benefits

- Burial and Headstones
- Absentee Voting in Elections
- Recording of Discharges
- Public Record Certification
- Credit for Military Service for State Retirement Benefits
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Arizona State Parks
- Special License Plates

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# ARKANSAS



## Housing Benefits

- Arkansas Veterans Home
- Domiciliary- Intermediate and Skilled Care

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Homestead and Personal Property Tax Exemption
- Gross Receipt of Tax Exemption
- Income Tax Exemption

## Education Benefits

- Free Tuition for Spouse, Children of POW

## Other State Benefits

- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Hunting and Fishing License
- License Plates- Military Specialty Plates
- Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery

## Claims and Appeals Division

- Claims assistance
- Representation with VA appeals

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# CALIFORNIA



## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Homes of California

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Exemptions
- Calvet Farm and Home Loans
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees Waived

## Employment Benefits

- Employment and Unemployment Insurance Assistance
- Veterans Preference in California Civil Service Examinations

## Veterans Business Benefits

- Business License, Tax and Fee Waiver
- Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunities

## Education Benefits

- College Tuition Fee Waivers for Veterans' Dependents

## Other State Benefits

- Disabled Veteran License Plates (DV 100%)
- Veterans Claims Representation
- Fishing and Hunting Licenses
- State Parks and Recreation Pass
- State of California Veterans Cemetery
- Veterans License Plates
- The California Women Veterans Roster
- The California Veterans Registry at the California Veterans Memorial

## California Department of Veterans Affairs

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## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans' Home
- State Veterans Nursing Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Colorado State Tax Advantage
- Burial Allowance
- Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Assistance
- Employment Preference

## Education Benefits

- Tuition Assistance
- Tuition Assistance for Children of POWs, MIAs, or Disabled/Deceased ARNG
- Operation Recognition

## Other State Benefits

- Special Vehicle License Plates
- Medical Benefits
- Hunting and Fishing Privileges
- Resident Fishing on Temporary Leave
- Veteran's Lifetime Combination Small Game Hunting/Fishing License (VA Combo License)

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# CONNECTICUT



## Housing Benefits

- Connecticut Veterans' Home
- Property Tax Exemptions

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- The Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund
- OEF OIF Bonus for CT NG

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Assistance

## Education Benefits

- Educational Benefit/Tuition Waivers
- High School Diplomas and Veterans of WWII

## Other State Benefits

- Burial in Connecticut's Veterans' Cemetery
- Motor Vehicles Waiver
- Retirement
- Advocacy for Veterans Benefits 1-866-9CT-VETS

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# DELAWARE



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## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Pension Benefits for Paraplegic Veterans
- Modifications to Taxable Income

## Employment Benefits

- State Employment Veterans Preference

## Education Benefits

- Educational Benefits For Children Of Deceased Veterans, Etc.
- Education Benefits For Active Members Of The Delaware National Guard
- High School Diploma For WWII Veterans

## Other State Benefits

- Copies of Statement of Service
- State Park Admission Discount
- Free Death Certificates for Veterans
- No Charge for Notary Services for Veterans
- Veterans Preference - Admission to Governor Bacon Health Center
- Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemeteries
- Indigent Veteran Burial
- Special License Plates
- Registration and Inspection of Motor Vehicles of Disabled Veterans
- Credited Military Service; Eligibility
- Auctioneer and Book Agent Exemption for Veterans
- Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses

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# FLORIDA



## Housing Benefits & Nursing Homes

- Six State Veterans' Homes and one assisted living facility
- Numerous Property Tax Exemptions

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans' Preference in Employment and Retention
- Employ Florida Vets Program
- Job Placement and Training
- LVER/DVOP

## Education Benefits

- High School Diploma - Korean War Veterans
- High School Diploma - WWII Veterans
- High School Diploma – Vietnam Veterans
- Tuition Deferment
- Reduced Tuition for National Guard
- Education for Children or Spouses Of Deceased Or Disabled Florida Veterans
- Recipients of the Purple Heart and other combat decorations superior in precedence receive waiver of undergraduate-level tuition.
- Dependent children of service members Missing in Action or Prisoners of War may also be eligible for tuition benefits.
- In-State Tuition Rates for veterans and family
- Priority Course Placement
- Course Credit for Military Service

## Other State Benefits

- Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide available
- Free Benefits & Disability Claims Counseling
- Veteran Designation on Driver License
- 100% Disabled Veteran State ID Card
- Military-related License Plates
- State Park Discount Passes
- Free Parking for Disabled Veterans
- License Fee Waivers for Veterans & Spouses
- Veterans' Preference in Hiring
- Veterans Courts

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[www.facebook.com/gavetsvc](https://www.facebook.com/gavetsvc)



## Housing Benefits

- War Veterans Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Exemption from Homestead Tax
- Exemption from Sales Tax on Vehicles
- Ad Valorem Tax on Vehicles
- Exemption from State Income Tax
- Business Certificate of Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preference
- Employment Assistance

## Education Benefits

- Georgia Military Scholarship
- Tuition Assistance (Georgia Air National Guard)
- The National Guard Service Cancelable Loan Fund
- Georgia HERO Scholarship
- HOPE Scholarship

## Other State Benefits

- Women Veterans Program
- Veterans Treatment Court
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Veterans Driver's License & ID Cards
- Veterans & Military License Plates
- Disabled Veteran Handicapped Parking
- VA Claims & Appeals Assistance
- State Veteran Cemeteries

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# HAWAII



## Housing Benefits

- Special Housing for Disabled Veterans

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax Exemptions

## Employment Benefits

- Employment and Re-employment

## Other State Benefits

- Burials
- Vital Statistics
- License Plates
- Claims Assistance
- Maintain Discharge Documents

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# IDAHO



## Housing Benefits

- 3 State Veterans Homes (Boise, Pocatello, Lewiston)
- Homeowner's Property Tax exemption equal to the lesser of 50% of the assessed value or \$100,000 for owner-occupied homes and manufactured homes that are primary residences.

<https://tax.idaho.gov/i-1051.cfm>

- Property Tax Reduction Program for Disabled Veterans with a 10% service-connected disability rating or higher. (There is an income component). <https://tax.idaho.gov/i-1052.cfm>

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Military Retirement Tax Exemption for veterans age 65 or older, or disabled and age 62 or older.
- Emergency Grant for Wartime Veterans
- Braveheart Emergency Assistance Grant for Veterans

## Education Benefits

- Operation Education-University of Idaho
- Scholarship for Child (Step & Grand) of MIA/POW/PH
- In-State Tuition for Guardsmen/Reservists who live outside the State of Idaho, but whom serve with an Idaho unit.
- Scholarship for dependents of 100% TPD Vets (OIF/OEF)
- A veteran may qualify for Idaho residency for tuition purposes if honorably discharged after at least 2 years of service, designating Idaho as the home or record or intended domicile upon separation, and entering an Idaho public university within one year of the date of separation or moving to Idaho for the purpose of establishing domicile.

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## Other State Benefits

- No Fees for 100% service connected disabled veterans plates.
- Gold Star license plates; no fee for surviving spouse or parents.
- Disabled Veterans Elk Hunt; every year a disabled veteran is selected for an expenses paid elk hunt.
- Veteran Support Fund and Veterans Recognition Fund grant programs; provide funding through grants to non-profits, organizations, and individuals that serve veterans in the state of Idaho.
- Veteran Designation on State Issued Driver's Licenses and ID cards; no additional fee.
- Veterans Preference for Public Employment in Idaho, closely mirrors Federal Veterans Preference.
- State Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards may accept military education, training, and experience towards qualifications for a license, certification or registration. Also may expedite applications for veterans and spouses.
- Nonresident Disabled Veterans may purchase a reduced fee hunting with 3-day fishing license for \$31.75 which allows the purchase of reduced fee tags for deer \$23.75, elk \$39.75, bear \$23.75, or turkey \$19.75. [ho State Veterans Cemetery](#)
- Specialty License Plates
- \$5 DAV Hunting & Fishing License allows Resident 40% or higher service-connected Disabled Veterans to purchase reduced fee tags for deer \$10.75, elk \$16.50, bear \$6.75, or turkey \$10.75.
- Free campsite pass and park pass at 100% Rating
- Military Furlough Combination Hunting/Fishing @ \$17.50 (Idaho residents on Active Duty; must provide LES)

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# ILLINOIS



## Housing Benefits and Programs

- 4 Veteran Skilled Nursing Facilities
- The Prince Home for the Homeless & Disabled
- Welcome Home Heroes Homebuyer Financing Package
- Specially Adapted Housing Grants
- Tax Exemptions for Returning & Disabled Veterans
- Tax Exemption for Specially Adapted Housing

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism Bonus Payments
- Vietnam and Global War on Terrorism Survivors Comp.
- Global War on Terrorism Survivors Compensation
- POW Compensation
- Military Family Relief Fund

## Employment Benefits and Programs for Veterans

- Employment Search Assistance
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- State Government/Employment Preference
- Credit toward State Licenses
- Education Waiver for State Police & Conservation Police
- Specialized Training Programs & Entrepreneurial Seminars
- Veterans Business Program (preference for state contracts)
- Illinois Reemployment Rights

## Education Benefits and Programs

- Illinois Veterans' Grant
- Illinois National Guard Grant
- Educational Opportunities for Children (10-18 Yrs)
- Children of Veterans Scholarship
- MIA/POW Scholarship
- Troops to Teachers

## Other State Benefits and Programs

- Illinois Joining Forces
- Veterans Care (Health Care)
- Warrior Assistance Program (Health Care)
- Women Veterans Program
- Cartage and Erection Fees
- Graves Registration
- Indigent Veterans Burial Benefit
- 6 Veteran Treatment Courts
- Hunting and Fishing Privileges
- Camping and Admission Fee Exemptions
- CTA Military Pass

## Employment Resources for Businesses

- Veteran's Tax Credit
- Illinois Hire Heroes Consortium

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# INDIANA



## Housing Benefits

- The Indiana Veterans Home (IVH)
- The Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home (ISSCH)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Abatements
- Military Family Relief Fund
- Veterans' Affairs Trust Fund

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Assistance
- High School Diploma Program for WWI, WWII, Korean War & Vietnam War Veterans
- Remission of Fees (Free Tuition) for the Child(ren) of a Disabled Veteran & graduates of the ISSCH
- Remission of Fees (Free Tuition) for recipients of the Purple Heart

## Other State Benefits

- County Veterans Service Officers
- Golden Hoosier Passport (State Parks)
- Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Motor Vehicle License Plates
- Peddlers, Vendors, or Hawkers License
- Resident Veteran Hunting and Fishing License
- Vital Documents For Veterans Benefits

## Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

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# IOWA



## Housing Benefits

- Iowa Veterans Home
- Military Service Member Home Ownership Assistance Program
- Property Tax Exemption

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Trust Fund
- Injured Veterans Grant

## Education Benefits

- Operation Recognition High School Diploma
- National Guard Tuition Benefits
- Assistance with Veteran Military Education
- War Orphan Education Act

## Other State Benefits

- Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License (DV 10%)
- Veterans License Plates
- Iowa Veterans Cemetery
- Repository for Records
- Employment Assistants
- Veteran Designation on Iowa Drivers License & ID
- Transitional Assistance
- County Veterans Offices
- Deployment Assistance

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KANSAS

# KANSAS



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## Housing Benefits

- Kansas Soldiers' Home (Long Term Care & Dom)
- Kansas Veterans' Home (Long Term Care & Dom)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Assistance to veterans and families thru KSNG Workforce Support Center and TAA
- Military Retirement Not Taxed by Kansas State

## Employment Benefits

- VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
- State DVOPS & LVERs
- Veterans preference for civil service

## Education Benefits

- Needs-based scholarships for OIF/OEF/ONE vets
- Robust educational and OJT programs throughout state thru State Approving Agency
- Free tuition to POWs and to dependents of KIA/MIAs
- KS National Guard scholarships
- Operation Recognition: High School diplomas for veterans
- In-state tuition rates for active military and their families

## Wildlife & Parks

- Free hunting/fishing licenses, and Free State Parks admission for KSNG & Disabled Veterans

## Health Benefits

- Persian Gulf War Board and survey
- Vets' Mental Health Task Force under Dept of Social & Rehabilitative Services

## Other State Benefits

- Three state veterans' cemeteries; one in construction
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- Advice on VA and state benefits from qualified Veteran Service Representatives
- Seven veterans license plates (MOPH, 100% Disabled, & POW free)
- Military retirement exempt from state income tax

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# KENTUCKY



## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Long Term Care Facilities

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- New Veterans Loan Program
- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund

## Education Benefits

- Complete Highschool w/o Tuition
- HS Diplomas for WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War Vets
- Tuition Waiver Program for Veterans and qualifying children, spouses, and un-remarried widows & widowers

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Assistance Program
- Helmets to Hardhats
- VetSuccess Program
- State Employment Preference Points
- Credit for Military Service (Civil Service)

## Other State Benefits

- Homeless Veterans Program
- Hunting, Trapping, or Fishing License (50% SCD)
- Special Military-related License Plates
- No-Fee Certified Copies of Records (DD-214)
- Military Retiree Pension Tax Free (Up to \$41,110 AGI)
- Women Veterans Program
- Burial Honors
- State Veterans Cemeteries
- Benefit Counseling

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# LOUISIANA



## Housing Benefits

- Louisiana War Veterans Homes

## Employment Benefits

- Military Service Relief Act
- Veterans Civil Service Preference (Employment Preference)

## Financial Assistance

- Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund

## Education Benefits

- Dependents Educational Assistance
- National Guard Tuition
- Veterans Education and Training - State Approving Agency
- Troops to Teachers

## Other State Benefits

- Free Hunting/Fishing Licenses
- Free Entrance to State Parks
- Free "Purple Heart" License Plates
- Motor Vehicle - Disabled Veterans - Special License Plates, Exemptions
- Special Prestigious License Plates for Certain Veterans and Retirees
- Recording of Discharges

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# MAINE



## Housing Benefits

- [Maine Veterans Homes](#)
- [Homeless Veterans Services](#)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Small Business Loan Program
- Military Pensions - fully exempt from income tax
- [Property Tax relief for disabled Veterans](#)
- Homestead Exemption for Vietnam Veterans
- Vehicle Excise Exemption – 100% P&T

## Employment Benefits

- [Maine Career Center Assistance](#)
- [Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign](#)
- State of Maine Veteran Hiring Preference
- [Occupational Licensing Initiative](#)

## Education Benefits

- [Veterans Dependents Educational Benefits](#)
- [National Guard Tuition Assistance](#)

## Recreation

- Free lifetime Veterans Park Pass
- Free Military Personnel Day Use Park Pass
- [Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt](#)
- [Free Hunting/Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans](#)

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## Other State Benefits

Free copies of DD214s

Military Service Driver's License

Complimentary Veteran License Plates

Gold Star Family License Plates

[Memorial Cemetery System](#)

VA Claims Representation

[Statewide Veteran Resource Guide](#)



# MARYLAND



## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Home
- Exemptions on Property Tax
- Mortgage Assistance
- Homeless Assistance

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Military Retired Pay Income Tax Exemption
- Interest-Free Veteran Owned Small Business Loans
- Maryland Veteran Trust Fund

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Assistance
- Veterans Preference for State Jobs
- Veteran Full Employment Act

## Education Benefits

- Scholarships (for Veterans and Dependents)

## Other State Benefits

- Veterans Benefit Service Program
- State Veterans Cemetery/Burial Benefits
- Transportation to VA Appointments
- Free Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Free Admission to State Parks
- Military-Related License Plates
- Free Disabled License Plates for 100% Disabled Veterans
- Veteran-Owned Business Assistance
- Behavioral Health Services
- Veteran Designation on Driver's Licenses

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# MASSACHUSETTS



## Housing Benefits

- Public Assistance
- Shelter & Transitional Housing
- Property Tax Exemption

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax Exemptions
- Annuities
- Bonuses
- Home for the Brave (Home Loan)

## Employment Benefits

- Upward Bound Program
- Operation Recognition
- Civil Service and Veterans' Preference

## Massachusetts Recently-Returned Combat Veterans

- Welcome Home Bonus
- Employment Opportunities
- Education
- Housing
- Your Local Veteran's Agent
- Yoga for Combat Veterans with PTSD
- TBI Rehab Providers
- PTSC & MST Counseling
- Transitional Counseling & Suicide Prevention

## Education Benefits

- Education Assistance Program
- Special Commission to Study Higher Education Tuition & Fee Waivers for Veterans
- Scholarships for Family Members of Veterans
- Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund
- Smith MSW Scholarship
- Tuition and Fee Waivers
- Veteran Representatives on Campus

## Other State Benefits

- Motor Vehicles Benefits
- National Guard and Reserve
- State Benefits for Dependents of a Veteran
- Mission Direct Vet (Jail diversion)
- Burial Benefits

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# MICHIGAN



## Housing Benefits

- Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
- D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans
- State Veterans Homes Board of Managers

## Employment Benefits

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- Unemployment Compensation
- Re-Employment Rights for Veterans
- Veteran Preference for State Jobs
- Michigan Rehabilitation Service
- Service-Disabled Veterans Business Owners
- Apprenticeship Program for Discharged Veterans

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Emergency Grants
- Home Heating Credit
- Homestead Property Tax Credit
- Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption
- Principle Residence Exemption
- Michigan National Guard Family Support Funds
- Veteran Trust Fund Emergency Grant Program
- Family Relief Fund
- Soldiers Relief Commission
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

## Education Benefits

- Tuition Grant Procedure Brief
- Children of Veterans' Tuition Grant Program
- Education Benefit for Children of Disabled or Deceased Veteran

## Other State Benefits

- Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans
- Automobile License Plates
- WWII/Korean Vet HS Diploma Application
- DD-214 Request Form
- Dependent & Survivor Benefits

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# MINNESOTA



## Housing Benefits

- Homeless Veteran Prevention and Assistance
- Minnesota Veterans' Homes

## Employment Benefits

- MN Veterans Preference Act
- Employment Assistance
- Compensation for State Active Duty

## Education Benefits

- Higher Education Veterans Programs
- State Tuition Reimbursement
- War Orphan Education Program
- Minnesota GI Bill
- Educational Grants
- OJT & Apprenticeship Programs
- Surviving Spouse Education Benefit
- On Campus Resource Centers
- Veterans Education Assistance (\$750 Grant)

## Other State Benefits

- Services Program
- Minnesota Veterans Homes
- State Soldiers' Assistance Fund
- Claims and Outreach Assistance
- Guardianship Division
- Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
- Discharge Certificates
- Bronze Star Grave markers
- State Veterans Cemetery
- County Veteran Service Officer

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# MISSISSIPPI



## Housing Benefits

- Mississippi Veterans Home Purchase Board
- State Veterans Nursing Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Ad Valorem Tax
- Privilege Tax

## Employment Benefits

- Re-Employment
- Employment Preference
- State Retirement
- Professional License Reciprocity

## Education Benefits

- Educational Assistance
- Mississippi Employment Security Commission

## Other State Benefits

- Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board
- Veterans Designation
- State Veterans Claims Division
- State VA Hospital Service Offices
- State Approving Agency Division
- Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- Mississippi State Personnel Board
- Mississippi Military Department (Army & Air National Guard)
- County Veterans Service Office and Officer
- State Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Documents
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Vehicle License Plates

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# MISSOURI



## Housing Benefits

- Missouri Veterans Homes
- Property Tax Credits
- Missouri Substitute Address for Homeless Veterans

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax Exemption for AO Settle Payments
- Vietnam Veterans Survivor Grant Program
- War Veteran's Survivor Grant Program
- Show Me Heroes Program
- Unemployment Compensation for War on Terror Vets
- Unemployment Compensation for Military Spouses
- Missouri Military Family Relief Fund
- Missouri Universal Service Fund

## Education Benefits

- Operation Recognition
- Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act
- Higher Education Tuition Refunds when call to AD
- In-State Tuition Eligibility for Military Dependents

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans' Preference
- Priority for Qualified Veterans Employment
- Veterans Employment & Training Services
- Courtesy Professional Licenses for Non-Resident Military Spouses
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
- Missouri State Employees Retirement System benefits for Veterans

## Other State Benefits

- State Veterans Cemeteries and Homes
- World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Service Medal and Medallions
- Free Automobile License Plates
- Free/Reduced Hunting and Fishing License
- State Contract & Business Preference for SCD Veterans
- Burial & Cemetery Benefits
- Veterans Identification on DL or ID Card
- Motorcycle/Commercial Driving Exam Exemptions
- Specialty Plates

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## Housing Benefits

- Montana Veterans Homes
- Reduced or no real property taxes for qualified disabled veteran

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Assistance

## Education Benefits

- College Tuition Waivers

## Other State Benefits

- Professional Veteran Benefits Claims Assistance
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for qualified disabled veterans
- Burial in State Veterans Cemeteries
- Up to \$500 Death Payment by the county of residence
- Up to \$100 Grave Marker by the county of residence
- Free license plate and vehicle registration wavier for qualified disabled veterans
- VETERAN on state driver's license

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# NEBRASKA



## Housing Benefits

- Property Tax/Homestead Exemption

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund

## Education Benefits

- Waiver of Tuition – Surviving Spouse & Dependents
- National Guard Tuition Assistance – 75%
- Reserve Tuition Credit – 50% - (Community Colleges, State Colleges, and University of NE system)

## Nebraska State Veterans Cemetery

## Assistance

- Nebraska Veteran Service Office
- County Veterans' Service Office

## Other State Benefits

- Veterans Homes
- Specialty License Plates
- Military Exemption & Renewal of Drivers License
- Hunting & Fishing Permits
- Educator Certificate Extension
- Renewal of Credentials to Practice a Profession
- Certified Copies of Public Records
- Recording of Discharges

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# NEVADA



## Housing Benefits

- Nevada Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Tax Exemptions
- Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Civil Service Preference

## Other State Benefits

- Assistance with Claims
- Hunting and Fishing License
- Guardianship Program
- Veteran Cemetery Plots
- Disabled Parking Privileges
- Special Veterans License Plates
- Documents
- Recording Fees

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# NEW HAMPSHIRE



## Housing Benefits

- Veteran's Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Wartime Service Bonuses
- Tax Exemption and/or Credit

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preference
- Training
- Seniority Time for certain Service Commitments

## Education Benefits

- Free Tuition for Children of Military Members (KIA/MIA)

## Other State Benefits

- Town Burial for Indigent Veterans
- Veterans Cemetery
- Claims Assistance for Veterans and Their Families
- Driver, Peddler's and Fishing License Fee Exemption for Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans
- Day Use State Park Admission for Disabled Veterans
- Veterans, National Guard, and Active Duty License Plates

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# NEW JERSEY



## Housing Benefits

- NJ Veterans Memorial Homes
- Stand Down Operations
- Veterans Haven – Transitional Housing
- NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Blindness and Catastrophic Disability Pensions
- New Jersey Property Tax Deduction
- New Jersey Property Tax Exemption

## OEF/OIF Initiative

- OEF/OIF Veteran Business Re-Start Grant
- OEF/OIF Veteran Emergency Financial Aid Grant
- OEF/OIF Subsistence Grant-VA Claim Pending
- Outreach Campaign
- PTSD/TBI Benchmark Study for Deploying Troops
- Veteran Services Transportation Subsidy

## Education Benefits

- Operation Recognition: High School Diplomas for Veterans
- State Approving Agency
- POW and MIA Tuition Benefits
- War Orphans Tuition Assistance
- Vietnam Veterans Tuition Credit Program
- New Jersey National Guard Educational Benefits

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Civil Service Preference And Pension Status
- Helmets to Hard Hats

## Health Benefits

- PTSD 24/7 Toll Free Helpline (1-866-VETS NJ 4 U)
- PTSD Counseling for Veterans and Family
- PTSD/TBI Screenings
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Veteran Home Healthcare Feasibility Study

## Other State Benefits

- BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Military Honors
- Veterans Service Officer State Wide Network
- NJ Service Medals / Replacement of Medals
- Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses
- No Fee Automobile Registration
- Free State Parks Admission
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# NEW MEXICO



## Housing Benefits

- Homeless and At Risk Veteran Services
- State Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Property Tax Exemption
- Disabled Veteran 100% Property Tax Exemption

## Education Benefits

- Vietnam Veteran College Scholarship
- Children of Deceased Veterans Scholarship
- World War II and Korean Veterans High School Diploma
- Veterans Education and Training Services

## Other State Benefits

- Special Disabled Veterans Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Free Museum & Monument Pass for Disabled Veterans
- Veterans' License Plates
- The Patriot Plate
- Military Burial Program
- Veterans Transportation Service
- Native American Outreach Services
- Employer Tax Credit For Hiring Recent Veterans
- Help For Veteran Small Business Owners
- State Hiring Preference for Veterans
- New Mexico Veterans Court
- Free Counseling & Therapy for Recently-Returned Veterans

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# NEW YORK

## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Home
- Specially Adapted Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Exemption
- Civil Service Credit Preference
- Burial and Headstone
- Auto Registration
- New York State Blind Annuity

## Employment Benefits

- Disabled Veterans Civil Service Preference
- Employment and Training
- Re-Employment

## Education Benefits

- Veterans Tuition Award
- Awards for Children of Veterans
- Military Service Recognition Scholarship
- Vocational Rehabilitation

## Other State Benefits

- Licenses and Permits
- Voter Registration

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# NORTH CAROLINA



## Housing Benefits

- North Carolina State Veterans Nursing Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Income Tax Relief
- Property Tax Relief

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preference

## Education Benefits

- Scholarships

## Other State Benefits

- Guardians
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Auto License Plates
- Drivers License
- Handicap Parking Privileges
- Absentee Registration and Voting
- Disabled Voters, Primary or General Elections
- Records
- Retirement Credit, Military Service, State and Participating Local Government Employees

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# NORTH DAKOTA



## Veteran's Bonus

- Monetary Compensation for Mobilized Domestic and Foreign Service

## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Home
- Property Tax Exemption

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Hardship Grant
- Veterans Aid Loan Program

## Education Benefits

- NG Tuition Waiver
- Free Tuition to Dependents

## Property Tax Exemptions

- Certain disabled veterans

## Other State Benefits

- License Plates
- Transportation
- State Parks Admission
- Veteran Indicator on North Dakota DL
- Veteran Transportation System
- Veterans Cemetery

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**Ohio Benefits Resource Guide** <http://dvs.ohio.gov/main/library/benefits/BenefitsGuide.pdf>

Ohio offers many services and supports for veterans and their families. Our 88 [local County Veterans Service Offices \(CVSOs\)](#) stand ready to assist veterans and their families in applying for the benefits they earned with their service in the United States military.

**Crisis Counseling - Veterans Crisis Line** Call 800-273-TALK (8255) option #1



# OHIO



## Financial Benefits

- Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP)
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Save the Dream Ohio – Mortgage Assistance
- Smart Money Choices
- Short-term Financial Assistance
- Ohio Heroes Program – Home Loan

## Education Benefits

- Ohio War Orphans Scholarship
- Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund
- Military Interstate Children's Compact
- H.S. Diploma's for Korean War, WWII, or Vietnam Veterans
- Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program
- KIA Spouse Tuition Waiver
- Ohio GI Promise In-State Tuition Program

## Other State Benefits and Programs

- Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
- Benefits Counseling Services
- Medals/Awards and Decorations
- Military Records
- Military/Veteran License Plates
- Free Purple Heart License Plates
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Updating Your Discharge
- Veterans Rapid Response Employment Program
- Patriot Program – Legal Assistance
- OHIO CARES Mental Health Services
- 88 County Veteran Service Offices

*\* Active Duty tax exemption is for Ohio residents who are stationed in another state and non-Ohio residents stationed in state. Ohio residents who are stationed in Ohio still have to pay Ohio taxes as of June 2011.*

## Housing Benefits

- Ohio Veterans Homes – long term disabled veterans

## Benefits for 100% Disabled Veterans

- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Free License Plates
- Free Boating Licenses
- Property Tax Rollback
- Free Camping in State Parks



# OKLAHOMA



## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Center (Long-Term Care)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Financial Aid Grants (WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf)
- Tax Exemption (Property, Income, Sales, Retirement)

## Employment Benefits

- State Veterans Employment Preference

## Education Benefits

- National Guard Tuition Waiver Program

## Other State Benefits

- Free Hunting and Fishing Permit for legal residents 60% or more Disability
- Reduced Fee Auto Tags
- Admission to State Owned Parks
- License Plates
- Oklahoma Cross of Valor
- Veterans Service Representatives cover all seventy-seven counties
- Claims and Benefits Division with representation in VA appeals

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### Housing Benefits

- Oregon Veterans' Home Loans
- Oregon Veterans' Home
- Oregon Property Tax Exemption

### Financial Assistance Benefits

- Oregon Conservatorship Program
- Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program (OVEFAP)

### Employment Benefits

- Oregon Veterans' Employment Preference
- Oregon Veterans' Re-Employment Rights

### Education Benefits

- Oregon Educational Aid
- High School Diploma
- Veterans' Dependent Tuition Waiver

### Other State Benefits

- Oregon Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Oregon State Park Use Permits
- Oregon Veterans License Plates
- Oregon Public Records
- Claims and Counseling

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# PENNSYLVANIA



## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Act
- Veterans Emergency Assistance
- Real Estate Tax Exemption for certain veterans
- Blind Veterans Pension
- Paralyzed Veterans Pension
- Military Combat Pay Income Tax Exemption
- Military Family Relief Program

## Education Benefits

- Educational Gratuity
- Scotland School for Veterans' Children
- National Guard Educational Assistance Program
- Educational Assistance Program (EAP)
- Pa State Grants for certain veterans

## Employment Benefits

- State Civil Service Preference
- Veterans Employment Assistance
- Compensation for state active duty pay and allowances

## Miscellaneous

- Hunting/Fishing/Fur Trapper license for disabled veterans
- Antlerless Deer License
- County burial allowances
- Free County grave markers
- Veterans License Plates/Placards
- Birth and Death Records

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# RHODE ISLAND



## Housing Benefits

- Rhode Island Veteran's Home
- Rhode Island Veteran's Cemetery
- Homeless Assistance Resources

## Financial Benefits

- The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

## Other State Benefits

- Rhode Island Veterans Benefits Counseling
- Rhode Island Burial Benefits
- Operation Standdown

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# SOUTH CAROLINA



## Housing Benefits

- Specially Adapted Housing
- State Veterans Nursing Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- South Carolina Military Family Relief Fund
- Admissions Tax Exemptions
- Income Tax Exemption on Military Retirement Pay
- Property Taxes – Homestead Exemption
- Property Tax Exemption
- Tax Exemption for Compensation, Pension, Disability Retirement Pay and VA Payments
- Parking Fee Exemption
- Active Duty Pay Relevant to SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference
- Veterans Re-Employment Rights

## Education Benefits

- Education Assistance

## Other State Benefits

- Credit of State Retirement for Military Service
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- State Parks Totally Disabled Persons
- Special License Plates
- Presentation of the State Flag to Families of Deceased Members of the South Carolina National Guard
- Recording of Discharges
- Marriage, Birth, Death, and Divorce Verifications

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# SOUTH DAKOTA



## State Veterans Home

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## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property tax exemption for 100% service disabled veterans
- Property tax exemption for certain paraplegic or amputee veterans
- Property and Sales tax refunds for certain aged or disabled veterans
- South Dakota Veterans Bonuses
- Sales Tax Refund for Certain Elderly & Disabled Vets

## Education Benefits

- Free tuition for certain veterans at state supported schools
- Free tuition for children of veterans who died while in service
- Free Tuition for Dependents of POW's and MIA's
- Reduced Tuition for South Dakota National Guard Members
- Honorary High School diplomas for WW11, Korea and Vietnam veterans
- On the Job Training and Apprenticeship

## Employment Benefits

- Re-employment rights of public employees
- Local Veterans employment representatives
- Veterans preference

## Other State Benefits

- Free Certified Copies of Veterans Records
- Burial Allowance
- Headstone Setting Fee
- Special License Plates
- Veteran Designation on DL or ID Card
- Hunting and Fishing Cards for Disabled Veterans
- Free Admission and Reduced Camping Fees for Veterans
- Special Provisions for Handicapped Hunters
- Military Funeral Honors Stipend Program

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# TENNESSEE



## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Homes
- Property Tax Relief (100%)

## Education Benefits

- Helping Heroes Grant for Veterans
- Diplomas for World War or Korean War Veterans
- Dependents of Certain Veterans, Tuition Fees
- Combat Veterans Early Registration

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference
- Credit for Military Service in State Employment
- Re-Employment Rights of Public Employees
- Military Spouse Licenses and Certifications
- Unemployment Benefits

## Other State Benefits

- State Veterans Cemeteries
- Free License Plates (100%)
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses (30%)
- Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax Exemption (100%)
- Special/Memorial License Plates
- Purple Heart Free License Plate
- No-Fee Registration of Discharges
- Tennessee Fallen Hero Medal
- Veterans ID
- Discounted Rates at State Parks
- Free Day at State Parks for Veterans

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# TEXAS



## Housing Benefits

- Texas Veterans Land Board Programs
- Texas Veterans Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax Exemption for Veterans
- The Hazlewood Act
- Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference
- Veteran Employment Representative

## Other State Benefits

- Texas State Cemetery Program
- No-Cost Medical Records
- Free Drivers License for Disabled Veterans
- Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Disabled Veterans
- Free Recording of Discharges
- Special License Plates

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# UTAH



## Housing Benefits

- Property Tax Abatement
- Valor House
- Utah State Veterans Nursing Homes
- Homeless Veterans Fellowship

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Job Representatives
- Veterans Job Preference
- Veterans Hiring Priority

## Education Benefits

- Veterans Upward Bound
- Tuition Waiver for Purple Heart Recipients
- Tuition waiver for dependents of service members killed in the line of duty after 9/11/2001
- Honorary High School Diplomas

## Other State Benefits

- Veterans License Plates
- Utah State Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park
- Military Discharge Records
- Free Use of Armories
- Fishing License Privileges
- Special Fun Tags for State Parks
- "America the Beautiful" Pass for National Parks
- Bus / Trax Reduced Fare Cards
- Vehicle Registration fee waiver for Purple Heart Recipients
- Outreach Services

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## Assistance with VA Benefit Applications, Including Disability Compensation

- Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, Montpelier
- American Legion, VFW, DAV, White River Junction

## Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans

- The Dodge House, Rutland and Veterans Place, Northfield

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Vermont Veteran Assistance Fund
- Casualty Assistance Fund for families of soldiers killed or wounded in the War on Terror

## Employment Assistance

- Vermont Department of Labor Career Resource Centers have dedicated staff to help veterans find employment

## Other State Benefits and/or Services

- DD Form 214s to verify military service
- Recognition programs, including medals & vet license plates
- Free Hunting/Fishing Licenses for 100% disabled veterans

## Long Term Care

- Vermont Veteran's Home, Bennington

## Mortuary Benefits

- Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Randolph Center

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# VIRGINIA



## Housing Benefits

- Virginia Veterans Care Center

## Employment Benefits

- Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)
- Department of Human Resource Management – Veteran Outreach Services

## Education Benefits

- Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program
- Honorary Diplomas for World War II Veterans

## Other State Benefits

- Wounded Warrior Program
- Cemeteries provide burial and perpetual care services to veterans and eligible dependents
- License Plates
- Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses

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# Virgin Islands



## Housing Benefits

- Homestead Tax Exemption of \$20,000 of the valuation of real property
- Veteran Home/Land Loan (\$110,000 @ 4%)

## Financial Benefits

- Homestead Tax Exemption (Up to \$650.00)

## Employment Benefits

- 10-Points Employment Preference for Veterans
- 15-Points Employment Preference for Disabled Veterans

## Education Benefits

- Free Tuition

## Other Benefits

- Free Burial Plot
- Burial Expense Reimbursement (\$3,500)
- Free Emergency Ambulance Service
- Free License Plates
- 100% Reimbursement for VA Appointment Travel off Island
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# WASHINGTON



## Housing Benefits and Programs

- Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Program
- State Veterans Homes – 4 Long Term Care Facilities

## Financial Assistance Benefits and Programs

- Veterans Estate Management Program (Fiduciary)
- Veterans Innovation Program (OEF/OIF)
- County Veterans Assistance Funds

## Employment Benefits and Programs

- Employment Preference
- Re-Employment and Layoff Rights
- Military Retirement Credit
- Local Veterans Employment Representatives
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- Veteran Owned Business Certification
- YesVets Hiring initiative and tax credits
- Apprenticeships

## Education Benefits and Programs

- Reduced Tuition
- Veterans Friendly Campus Program
- Veterans Conservation Corps
- Military Children College Education Program (DV 100%)

## Health Benefits and Programs

- Statewide Readjustment/Trauma Services
- Military Kids Program
- Special Health Care Services

## Other State Benefits and Programs

- State Veterans Cemetery
- Recording Discharges
- Special Veterans License Plates (DV 100%)
- Gold Star License Plates
- Reduced Fishing and Hunting Licenses (DV 30%)
- Reduced Public Transportation (regional)
- Property Tax Relief for Eligible Veterans and Widows/Widowers (low income)
- Outreach to Underserved Veterans
- Contracted Veterans Service Organization Services
- Disabled Veterans State Parks Pass (DV 30%)
- Peer Mentoring
- Eco-therapy programs

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# WEST VIRGINIA



## Housing Benefits

- Homestead Exemption for Certain Eligible Veterans
- State Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Bonus

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference

## Education Benefits

- State War Orphans Education
- Veterans Re-Education Act Fund

## Other State Benefits

- Agent Orange Program
- Free License - Automobile
- Free Hunting and Fishing Privileges

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# WISCONSIN



## Housing Benefits

- WDVA Home Loan
- WDVA Home Improvement Loan
- Homeless Veterans Assistance
- Veterans Homes
- Veterans Cemeteries

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit
- Veterans Tax Exemptions
- Property Tax Credit

## Employment Benefits

- Apprentices
- Employment Assistance
- Employment Representatives
- Hiring Preference
- Job Retaining Grants
- Professional/Occupational Licensure Programs

## Education Benefits

- Academic Credit for Military Experience
- Federal GI Bill Benefits
- H.S. Diplomas
- Tuition Residency
- Wisconsin GI Bill Tuition Remission
- VetEd Reimbursement Grant

## Other State Benefits

- Resident Annual Disabled (Reduced Rate) Fishing License
- Disabled Veteran Reduced-Fee Fishing License
- Special Hunting Permits for Disabled Residents
- Military Free Fishing & Small Game Hunting License
- Incarcerated Veterans Program
- License Plates
- Military Service Medals & Records Assistance
- Military Funeral Honors Program
- Review of Military Discharge Assistance
- Free Access to State Parks & Trails
- Transportation to VA Medical Appointments

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## Housing Benefits

- Veterans' Home of Wyoming
- Volunteers of America Northern Rockies – Freedom Hall

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Exemption
- Emergency Assistance (AL & VFW)
- Financial Consultants

## Employment Benefits

- Wyoming Department of Workforce Services
- Veterans Preference
- Unemployment Insurance
- Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- State & Federal Job Protections for Military & Veterans
- Natl. Guard Transition Assistance Advisor
- Natl. Guard Employment Opportunities

## Education Benefits

- Free Tuition for War Veterans & Surviving Dependents
- Resident Tuition for non-resident veterans within 1 year of separation
- Operation Recognition (High School Diploma)

## Other State Benefits

- Free Fishing License – 50% VA disability
- Free Bird, Small Game License – 100% VA disability
- Hunting & Fishing License While on Leave – from Combat Zone
- Free Lifetime State Park Pass – 50% VA Disability
- Transition Assistance
- Recognition of Veterans
- Military Records
- License Plates
- Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery
- Family Assistance Centers
- Big Game Licenses for Disabled Veterans
- Veteran Designation on Wyoming Driver License

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